

Progress Made in Tonopah Mines During the Past Week

MONTANA-TONOPAH.

The mill of this company treated 760 tons of ore during the past week with an extraction of 87 per cent. In the mine 143 feet of development was recorded.

390-foot level—The west drift on the Triangle vein was advanced twenty feet. The face shows one and one-half feet of low grade milling ore. The work in the Triangle stope is confined to the central portion where the back shows the vein to be split in branches which necessitates the stope being sent up eight feet in width. The vein will average about five feet of good ore. The oxidized stope on the fault plane at the east face of the Triangle vein will average about four feet of good milling ore.

465-foot level—The west drift on the South vein advanced seven feet and shows streaks of good milling ore values. Stopping on the Martha vein continues from this level, the back showing an average of two feet of fair grade milling ore. In the stope on the Macdonald vein west of the shaft, the work has been confined to the east end which shows five feet of ore averaging from a fair to a milling grade.

515-foot level—The west drift on the South vein advanced thirty-eight feet on high grade mill ore, the face at the present showing three feet of good ore. Intermediate drifts have been started east and west from the winze on this vein at a point fifty feet below the level. Both faces show milling ore. The east drift on the Martha vein advanced twenty-one feet and the face shows two feet of fair grade ore. The winze on the Martha vein was lowered seventeen feet and is now down eighty-six feet below the level. Several stringers of quartz have been cut in the bottom. Stopping continues on the Martha vein above the level. At a point opposite the winze the stope is fully twenty feet wide with stringers of ore running through the entire width. The westerly end of the stope over the west drift on this vein shows two and one-half feet of good milling ore.

565-foot, intermediate, level—The stopping done on the south branch of the Martha vein during the week shows an average of two and one-half feet of a milling grade ore. A crosscut south from the face of the east drift on the Martha vein is being sent out to prove up a block of ground. This crosscut is now out twenty-one feet but has encountered no values.

615-foot level—The stopes on the Macdonald, Martha and A B K veins on this level are producing their usual amount of ore with no change

reported in the dimensions of the veins.

765-foot level—The main north crosscut has advanced nineteen feet with no change in the formation.

WEST END.

The developments in the West End totaled sixty-seven feet for the week while the shipments to the Western Ore Purchasing company aggregated 200 tons. The mine shows a decided improvement throughout, especially on the 400-foot level, where the stopes are looking stronger.

The side line stope on the 150-foot level continues to give its regular amount of shipping ore.

200-foot level—The west drift was extended nine feet and is now in 463 feet from the main drift. The face shows quartz of low values. No. 3 winze that is being sunk under the Porcupine stope has been lowered nine feet during the week and is now down to a depth of fifty-nine feet below the level. The bottom is all in quartz with bunches of good ore. The stope above the level and over the winze is looking well and producing considerable shipping ore, the pay seam being from three to four feet wide.

400-foot level—But little work has been done during the week in the west drift from the south crosscut as the operations are confined to the cutting out of a stope near the face and raising on a seam of ore that averages from two to four feet wide. The west lateral drift from the south crosscut advanced twenty-one feet and is now in 119 feet from the main drift. The face is all in quartz with seams and bunches of ore of a good grade that is sorted out for shipping. Work is progressing in the cutting out of a stope on the top of No. 8 upraise, 100 feet west of the shaft and forty feet above the level. This place is looking better than usual and has seven feet of ore exposed, but as yet not enough development work has been done to determine the length of the ledge. No. 7 crosscut, 125 feet east of the shaft, is out thirty-two feet from the main level, having advanced twelve feet during the week. In the ground passed through the crosscut traversed a large body of low grade quartz. The west lateral drift from the No. 5 south crosscut, 325 feet east of the shaft, advanced thirteen feet and is out ninety-seven feet. The face is all in quartz with seams of very good shipping ore. This is an extension of the west end of the old stope on this level.

TONOPAH MINING.

The usual high rate of progress was made in the development of the Tonopah Mining company workings during the past week and the reports

show the different drifts, crosscuts and shafts extended 452 feet. Of this amount the Mizpah is credited with 391 feet, the Silver Top with 121½ feet and the Red Plume with twenty-nine and one-half feet. The Mizpah shaft was advanced twelve feet and is now down 1237 feet below the surface. The formation in the bottom continues to be rhyolite and dacite in composition. There has been no increase in the flow of water during the last three weeks, and the Smith-Valle sinking pump handles the 60-gallon inflow with ease. The work of sinking the Red Plume shaft was resumed the latter part of the week, the station at the 500-foot point being completed. The shaft was sunk five feet and is now down 527 feet.

The diamond drill operating on the 740-foot level of the Silver Top has reached a depth of 719 feet from that level or 1489 feet from the surface. It still continues to pierce the dacite and is running in a smooth manner.

Superintendent Blackburn reports no change in the Silver Top workings. The various ledges and veins are producing their usual tonnage and work is being carried on in the usual places.

On the Mizpah side the work of cutting out a stope on the northwest drift on the Mizpah fault, on the 200-foot level, has been started. A raise was being sent up here but poor air necessitated the cutting out of the stope which will be sent up for a distance of 100 feet in length. The vein is between two and three feet wide and of a good milling grade.

Operations are being carried on in the usual places as mentioned in the previous reports with no material change noticed.

The north crosscut from the westerly workings of the 600-foot level to connect with the station cut on the 500-foot level of the Red Plume shaft has about ten feet to go and the connection will be made within a few days.

The ore shipments to the mill at Millers aggregated 3100 tons for the week.

TONOPAH BELMONT.

The most sensational result of the week's work in the Belmont was the increasing of the values in the stringers recently cut in the crosscuts on the 1100-foot level. The stringers average from three to twelve inches in width and will assay \$235 to the ton. They were encountered in north crosscut No. 3 from the 1054 winze.

Work toward getting the Belmont shaft in shape, preparatory to the sinking of a churn drill to the 1000-foot level is being continued and at the present all efforts are being confined to making preparations for the

fixing of the cable which will arrive in the next four or five days.

On the 900-foot level the work in the west stope on the South vein shows no change and continues to produce the regular amount of shipping ore from the vein which averages from three to four feet in width.

1000-foot level—The Occidental west drift shows about one and one-half to two feet of good milling ore. A raise has been started on this vein that will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible to the 900-foot level in order to procure better ventilation for this part of the workings. Drifts No. 2 from winze 1056 shows from five to six feet of a good grade of ore. The east drift from the winze on the 1100-foot level shows stringers of quartz in the face. This drift is following the hanging wall of the fault. The south crosscut which is being driven to connect with the north crosscut from winze 1054 shows no change in the face.

1100-foot level—North crosscut No. 3 from the 1054 winze that has been cutting the high grade stringers will connect with the south crosscut No. 1 from the 1056 winze in about ten days as there is only about sixty-nine feet separating the two workings at the present time. This connection will give a perfect ventilation in this section of the mine and after it is made drifting will be started on the stringers that have been cut to prove up their extent and value. There is no change in the stope on the Mizpah vein. The south crosscut No. 1 from the Desert Queen shaft is now out 456 feet and shows no change in the face.

MACNAMARA.

The shipments for the week from the MacNamara averaged a car a day, making a total of seven cars sent to the Western Ore Purchasing company at Millers. More than the usual amount of development work has been carried on on the 200, 275 and 300-foot levels; and in several of the workings new operations have been started. During the week the No. 5 stope level has been driven east in the ore and is being continued. Two crosscuts are being driven on the 300-foot level west and on the 275-foot level the northwest drift was advanced a distance of about twenty-four feet, where the face has now started to show some fair values.

The ore for shipping was extracted in No. 5B stope on the 200-foot level, and in Nos. 4 and 2B stopes on the 275-foot level.

The shaft was sunk twenty-four feet during the week and is now down a total depth of 732 feet below the collar. The formation in the bottom remains unchanged.

TONOPAH EXTENSION.

There is nothing new to report in the work conducted in the Extension during the past week. The operations conducted at the present are the same that have been under way for some time past and are for the purpose of either providing better ventilation to the workings or blocking out the huge bodies, having them in

readiness when the work of extraction is resumed.

General Manager Kirchen is still in the east and it is thought that when he returns the actual work of erecting the mill will be started.

MIDWAY.

Stringers continue to be cut on the 635-foot level of the Midway in the drift sent out to prospect the virgin ground. Every indication points to a large body of ore being in the close vicinity of this drift and startling developments are looked for daily. The stock price has advanced considerably since this work has started and when the vein is cut brokers expect the price to double. No change is reported in the remaining workings, which produced their regular amount of shipping ore.

GOLD REEF GETS IN SHIPPING ORE

REGULAR PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

GOLDFIELD, April 16.—J. P. Carroll, who is interested at Gold Reef, was in Goldfield Thursday, and stated that a number of the properties in that section were in ore, and that the district which created some excitement during its early history was gradually recovering its old time activity and would shortly show the world that it is quite worthy of attention. Mr. Carroll stated that ore was being sacked on the Toggerly group, and that on the Gold Seam and the Horseshoe ground, ore was in sight, and the company behind the property had made arrangements for machinery which would be on the ground within ten days, when shipments will begin.

The Sperry brothers, operating on the Preston ground, and the Butchers Mining company's block, are also among the promising looking properties. "We feel very much encouraged with the outlook," said Mr. Carroll, "and the fact that ore is now being prepared for shipment is an evidence that we do not have to depend on anything except the merit of our ground in order to win the notice of the mining world. We are getting

the ore as fast as depth is being attained, and it is very probable that you will hear more from Gold Reef before long. The recent financial condition, of course, injured us, since it kept much money from coming in to our territory; but we are getting over that and in a short time we expect to begin to come into our own."

EARLE R. CLEMENS TELLS OF SUIT

Referring to the stories which were published Tuesday and Wednesday in the Rhyolite Daily Bulletin, copied from the Goldfield News, I will say that the truth concerning the Keane Wonder matter was printed in the Rhyolite Herald yesterday, and there is nothing more to be added, except that an injunction to restrain the sale of the property has been granted by the superior court at Independence as well as by the superior court at San Francisco. Suffice to say that the undersigned, plaintiff in the case, is not in league with T. B. Rickey, either directly or indirectly.

What I have done in the Keane Wonder matter has been with the idea of protecting stockholders, including myself, and I am of the opinion that everything will come out all right within a short time.

EARLE R. CLEMENS.
Rhyolite, Nev., April 15, 1909.

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